An Experiment in Super Powers

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Chapter 1 by Cora Aquila

I love super-hero stories. I dig them because of the super powers and all the amazing possibilities they bring. But, deep down, no matter how different the making of each story is, the core of the plot somehow manages to stay the same:

Boy has a huge crush on girl. Boy gains strange powers. Boy starts fighting crime and takes up a secret identity. Girl is the only one who believes in this new hero. Boy doesn't resist the lure of hitting on girl with his super tight uniform. Girl falls in love with the hero persona. Girl gets kidnapped. Boy saves girl. Girl discovers his true identity as everything falls into place.

And so on...

Well, enough is enough!

Please, give me something different, something new! Let's explore all those possibilities Hollywood never dared to set its foot on.

Chapter 2 by R

Here's the thing. I have superpowers.

Oh, wow, I can hear you saying already. Superpowers? What are they? Are you a hero or a villain? What's your costume like?

Don't make me laugh.

I felt so scandalized. I'd had the lunchbox, watched the cartoon, and I thought it would be awesome. I thought that being a superhero would be the best thing ever!

As it turns out, the job is very much 'Not As Seen On TV'.

Okay, I'll admit I still pay attention to superheroes. Who doesn't? I mean, everyone has at least a bit of an interest in them. Everyone loves to see when the villains are defeated.

But mostly? I use my teleportation powers to avoid getting my drivers license and to support my lazy life style. Not exactly glamorous.

I'm twenty one, can't drive, and work as a pizza delivery girl - guaranteed to get your pizza there in five seconds, flat. Maybe if I was braver I'd be a first responder or work for the cops at least, but instead I'm being normal.

Not that my cowardice helped me at all when Firedancer came to town.

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